

SIX-POWER AGREEMENT CRISIS

British And French Socialists Meeting In Paris

London, June 6.—The National Insurance Minister, Mr James Griffiths, the Chairman of the Labour Party, who arrived in Paris from London tonight, and the General Secretary of the Labour Party, Mr Morgan Phillips, will have talks with French Socialists on the Germany crisis threatening the French Government, informed quarters here suggested tonight.

Mr Griffiths next Friday will sign an agreement with France on reciprocity in social insurance plans, but, meanwhile, the French Government faces the probability of a Parliamentary revolt over the six-power London agreement on Germany which, according to some reports, here, challenged its existence.

Mr Phillips, who was reported to be called to London from the International Socialist Conference at Vienna following telegrams from the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, said in Paris tonight that he was going to "discuss purely party business with the Chairman."

Mr Griffiths tonight in Paris also stated that he was going to discuss purely domestic party business with Mr Phillips and that he had come to France to sign the reciprocal social insurance treaty.

Mr Phillips is due on Tuesday in London, where Labour, in and outside the Government, is presenting a first class dilemma over the national reaction to the proposed abolition of the death penalty.

LABOUR PARTY ANXIOUS

The Labour Party, however, is closely concerned with the reaction of French Socialists to the London six-power agreement and in particular with their anxiety to safeguard the principle of the internationalisation of the Ruhr industries.

The voting on the International Socialist Conference's first amended text of the resolution on the Ruhr was postponed until Monday and the resolution sent for further consideration following the French position, headed by M. Salomon Leimhaach, in the absence of Mr Andre Philip, who was recalled to Paris yesterday to report to the Executive of his party.

The return of M. Philip coincided with the presence of Mr Griffiths and Mr Morgan Phillips, and against the background of Mr Bevin's reported telegram to Mr Morgan Phillips, is regarded here as pointing to early Anglo-French Socialist exchanges prior to the latest French Parliamentary debate later this week.

The British Cabinet meets tomorrow, and simultaneously the text of the London six-power agreement will be published.

The Cabinet may, therefore, be able to hear the views of the Foreign Secretary, Mr Bevin, and to discuss the agreement in the light of the International Socialist Conference reaction and other fresh factors.—Reuter.

DE GAULLISTS CRITICAL

Paris, June 6.—De Gaullists today joined the French Left-wing groups in launching a frontal attack against the ratification of the London six-power agreement on Germany's economic future.

The Conference recommendations will be published simultaneously tomorrow in the capitals of the six participating countries (Britain, the United States, France, and three Benelux nations).

The proposals are authoritatively understood to be:

- 1.—The creation of a German Constituent Assembly.
- 2.—A currency reform in the Western Zones of Germany.
- 3.—Seven-power (including Western German representation) control of the distribution of Ruhr products.
- 4.—Provision for the occupation of key centres in Western Germany after the end of the general military occupation, in the three Western Zones.

M. Gaston Palewski, General Charles de Gaulle's spokesman, in a speech at Narbonne, southern France, said today that the Conference recommendations were not an "acceptable compromise" between the French and British views.

He declared the London proposals were an abandonment of the French arguments for the security of the French State and for the reconstruction of Western Europe.

"Under these conditions, their acceptance seems hardly possible," he said.—Reuter.

To Cross Pacific In 50-Ft. Boat

Long Beach, California, June 6.—Three families are bound for Australia on a 50-foot schooner, the Aloha.

A marine engineer, Dwight Atwater, 31, of Long Beach, weighed anchor today for Perth, where he plans to make his home with his wife and with three daughters ranging in age from 14 months to 10 years.

On his schooner, to share expenses of the 10,000-mile journey, Atwater took Mr and Mrs Ross Parr of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Mrs and Mrs Kenneth Harmon of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Harmons are bound for Tahiti and the Parris for Melbourne, where Mr Parr will seek a Master's degree in Literature at the University of Melbourne.—United Press.



Must Stand Up To Stalin

Mr Hoffman Calls For Unity

Southbend, Indiana, June 6.—Mr Paul Hoffman, European aid administrator, said today that Premier Josef Stalin will not fight "if free nations stand together and are prepared militarily to meet aggression." He charged that Russia seeks to share its "slavery and starvation with the rest of the world," while the United States shares its "freedom and abundance."

Mr Hoffman made identical speeches to 6,000 persons attending two sections of commencement exercises in Notre Dame University. He said that Russia has launched a "well-thought out programme of destroying all free institutions" which has forced the free peoples of the world to band together.

SOLIDARITY

"In this growing sense of solidarity among free peoples in their awareness of the type of conflict in which we are now engaged lies our greatest hope of avoiding another world war," Mr Hoffman said.

Mr Hoffman received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Notre Dame.

Commenting briefly on the aims of the European recovery plan which he said had no precedent in history, the United States said the chief task of the United States was to help the people of war-ravaged countries to help themselves. He said, "By the use of American dollars, American food, American steel, coal and other goods, we are to promote the recovery of hundreds of millions of people in many great nations from the disastrous aftermath of the world's most terrible war."—United Press.

Turkish Cabinet Changes Likely

Istanbul, June 6.—A reshuffling of the Turkish Cabinet was today forecast in political circles here following the resignation yesterday of the Minister for National Defence, Munir Belisel.

Three portfolios are now vacant in the Cabinet of the Premier, Hassan Sakas, formed in September, 1947.

It was reported that the Turkish Ambassador in Rome, Feridun Kemal Erkin, appointed in May, 1947, and the Ambassador in Washington, Ragıp Husein Baydur, appointed in October 1946, would be exchanged.—Reuter.

Greek Guerillas Offer Genuine

London, June 6.—Greek guerillas offer to either "in bluff nor a sign of weakness" the Guerilla Radio said today.

The broadcast was transcribed in London by the Greek News Agency which represents General Markos and quoted from an Government and quoted from an chief, Nicolas Zachariades.

He denied that a peace offer was made because of any military defeat and warned the guerillas here to be prepared to continue fighting if the offer was not accepted.—United Press.

SMUTS ON WAY TO LONDON

Rome, June 6.—Marshal Jan Smuts arrived here today in a private plane en route to London.

Marshal Smuts was received by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza at his private residence. He is scheduled to leave for London tomorrow morning.—United Press.

Foreign Newsmen Protest To Haganah Against Non-Accreditation

Jerusalem, June 6.—With the 100,000 Jews under siege in Jerusalem, is an "international set" of people.

They include the consular corps of a dozen countries, churchmen of all faiths, a few British businessmen who remained to keep an eye on investments and a dozen American, British and French foreign correspondents.

They move about with Jewish passes and fare about the same as the Jerusalem Jews in the matter of rations, water and light.

Most forlorn of the batch are probably the newsmen, who find themselves "scooped" by their own colleagues on the Arab side and in Tel-Aviv on the Jewish Jerusalem

developments because of slow communications, the actual state military situation, and the refusal of the Jewish Army to recognise them as more than "hangers on."

Yesterday, newsmen gathered in a For Yehuda Street bar opened by the Jewish Agency to keep them handy for handouts and passed the following resolution:

"We the foreign correspondents in Jerusalem hereby protest to the Haganah High Command against its refusal to accredit foreign correspondents.

"This refusal is unwarranted and constitutes a blackout of all Jewish military and political action in this area."

Last Minute Fight To Restore Marshall Aid Plan Cuts

Washington, June 6.—The United States Administration and Senate leaders today opened desperate last minute fights to wipe out in the Senate the reductions amounting to more than \$1,000 million made by the House of Representatives in the Marshall Plan.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Secretary of State, Mr George Marshall, and Mr Paul G. Hoffman, the Economic Co-operation Administrator, will appeal to the Senate Appropriations Committee in open hearings for a 100 per cent restoration of the cuts.

They argue these cuts would reduce the reconstruction programme to a mere relief programme, would shatter the European nations' confidence in the consistency of American foreign policy, and play into the hands of anti-American Communist propaganda throughout the world.

VANDENBERG'S ARGUMENT

Senator Vandenberg, who piloted the Marshall Plan through the Senate this spring, is expected to urge Republican Party leaders of both Houses that it would be folly for the Republican Party to make the Marshall Plan an issue at the November Presidential elections and place the Republican Party in the position of seeming to throw Europe to the Communist wolves because of a cheese-paring and isolationist attitude towards dollar expenditures.

According to the best informed political opinion, it is certain that the Senate will restore some of

the cuts made by the House of Representatives, probably that the restoration will be substantial, and possibly that they will restore the cuts in their entirety so far as the Senate bill is concerned.

The real crux will come when the Senate and the House of Representatives meet in conference to draft an agreed bill for the President's signature.

It is acknowledged, however, that the most important factor in the foreign aid crisis for the next few days is neither the Administration nor the Congressional statements but the reaction of American public opinion.

With the elections only a few months away, no one in Congress can afford to be insensitive to the very real sentiment in support of the Marshall Plan which polls of public opinion have shown to exist throughout the country.—Reuter.

THOUSANDS CHEER PRINCESS

London, June 6.—Tens of thousands of Londoners braved grey skies and a drizzle today to cheer Princess Elizabeth in what will be one of her last public engagements before the birth of her baby, expected in mid-October.

Princess Elizabeth looked pale as she bowed slightly from the rear seat of a black Rolls-Royce to the cheering crowds that lined the route from Buckingham Palace to the grim grey buildings of Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk.

Mr Hoffman attended a ceremony of remembrance for the "Old Comrades" of the Grenadier Guards. She is an honorary Colonel of the Guards.

A slight figure in a trim dove-grey coat, Princess Elizabeth stood on a wooden platform in front of the iron fence which surrounds Buckingham Palace, as 2,000 past and present members of the Guards filed by.

As her huge black car appeared, a surge of excitement swept through the crowd. The Princess walked 100 yards from the limousine to the platform, while the crowd pressed against the 10-foot-high iron railing to watch.—United Press.

HUKS INCREASE ACTIVITIES

Manila, June 6.—Increasing Hukbalahap activities in Central Luzon were reported today by the Philippine Constabulary authorities while amnesty negotiations are reported to be going on quietly.

Constabulary intelligence information from the infested Nueva Ecija Province discloses that more than 150 "dissidents" are concentrated in a village near the municipality of Bantay, slaughtering carabaoes, water buffaloes and commandeering foodstuffs to feed the armed group.—Reuter.

Refuses To Take Up Office

Paris, June 6.—The French News Agency reports from Indo-China that Nguyen Huu Tri, Minister of the Interior by decree of the new French Government, "has refused to take the post for reasons of health."

The key Ministry will go the Lieut-General Xuon, already Premier and Minister of National Defence.—Associated Press.

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ENGLAND'S TEAM ANNOUNCED FOR THE FIRST TEST MATCH

London, June 6.—The England team to meet Australia in the first Test match, starting at Nottingham on June 10, will be chosen from the following 12 players, according to an official announcement.

There is only one surprise. The selectors have picked the 11 originally chosen to represent England in the Birmingham trial and have added Jim Laker, Surrey's Yorkshire-born off spinner.

N. Yardley (Yorkshire), Cap. J. Young (Middlesex), and J. Laker (Surrey).
W. Edrich (Middlesex), C. Barnett (Gloucester), J. Hardstaff (Notts), L. Hutton (Yorkshire), C. Washbrook (Lancs), D. Compton (Middlesex), D. Wright (Kent), G. Evans (Kent), A. Bedser (Surrey).

General conditions, particularly weather, will be taken into account on the morning of the match before the selectors decide who shall be left out.

In any case, they have named R. Simpson, the Nottinghamshire amateur, as the 12th man.

Norman Yardley, now back to form, was chosen to lead the side and then co-opted on the Selection Committee to help A. Holmes, R. Robbins and J. Clay to choose the remainder.

Yardley proved himself on the last Australian tour and again in the Nottingham test against South Africa that he is essentially the man for the big occasion.

Douglas Wright, the Kent leg spinner, is a doubtful owing to lumbago, but providing he is fit, England will have eight recognised bowlers in their 12, with Hutton, Washbrook, Edrich, Compton, Hardstaff, Barnett and Yardley as the first seven.

The side looks very strong in batting, though one of these may have to be sacrificed for Laker. Reuter.



Australian Batting Averages

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
D. G. Bradman	8	2	759	187	94.87
K. R. Miller	8	2	542	202*	67.75
W. A. Brown	11	1	756	200	75.60
S. Barnes	9	1	510	170	63.75
S. J. Loxton	5	2	310	120	51.66
R. A. Suggs	5	2	155	101*	25.83
A. L. Hassett	10	2	366	110	45.75
A. Morris	10	2	361	138	38.10
Ian Johnson	9	1	234	86*	28.00
R. N. Harvey	9	1	106	76*	26.50
R. A. Hamence	9	1	215	92	26.87
D. Tullon	6	1	119	50	23.80
D. Blythe	5	1	65	33	16.25
B. Lindwall	6	1	73	32	14.60
W. A. Johnston	7	2	71	24	12.50
C. McCool	6	2	75	30	12.50
E. Toshack	5	2	20	8	4.00

Australian Bowling Averages

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
K. R. Miller	183.3	40	442	33	13.57
Bill Johnston	234	83	438	31	14.13
Ian Johnson	210.4	66	538	38	14.15
E. Toshack	189.5	51	420	28	15.00
C. McCool	142.2	39	347	21	16.52
A. Morris	8	4	17	1	17.00
R. Lindwall	113.1	27	267	15	17.80
D. Blythe	108.5	20	417	17	24.52
S. J. Loxton	59	18	110	4	27.50
S. Barnes	35.5	14	72	2	36.00
R. A. Hamence	3	0	7	0	

GOLF

BRAZILIAN'S 31 FOR 9 HOLES

Brazilian Mario Gonzalez, millionaire's son, was the one who set off the golf fireworks in the British amateur golf championship. Protected by three pullovers, he went out in 31, and equalled a record which has stood since 1914, when C. B. Marfariane put up these figures against "Chick" Evans, the American.

The figures read 4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 3, 3, 4—and Gonzalez defeated Elis Werkell, from Stockholm, 6 and 5.

His only comment was: "I was lucky."

Another millionaire's son, Frank Stranahan, from Toledo, gained revenge for a defeat of two years ago in this competition when he ousted Gerald Micklem, London stockbroker and former English champion.

WORE A VISOR

Stranahan won 4 and 3. Both players had been trying to "needle" each other for three days by each saying he was going to win.

Stranahan wore a visor, but he took his off when the players were overtaken by squalls of rain and hail. The American was one up at the turn after several holes had changed hands.

Micklem knocked Stranahan's ball into the hole to lose the 10th. He also lost the 14th, where he three-putted, and the 16th.

Second American to go out was S. Serat, C. T. Jennings, who was beaten 2 and 1 by W. MacArthur (Cornwall).

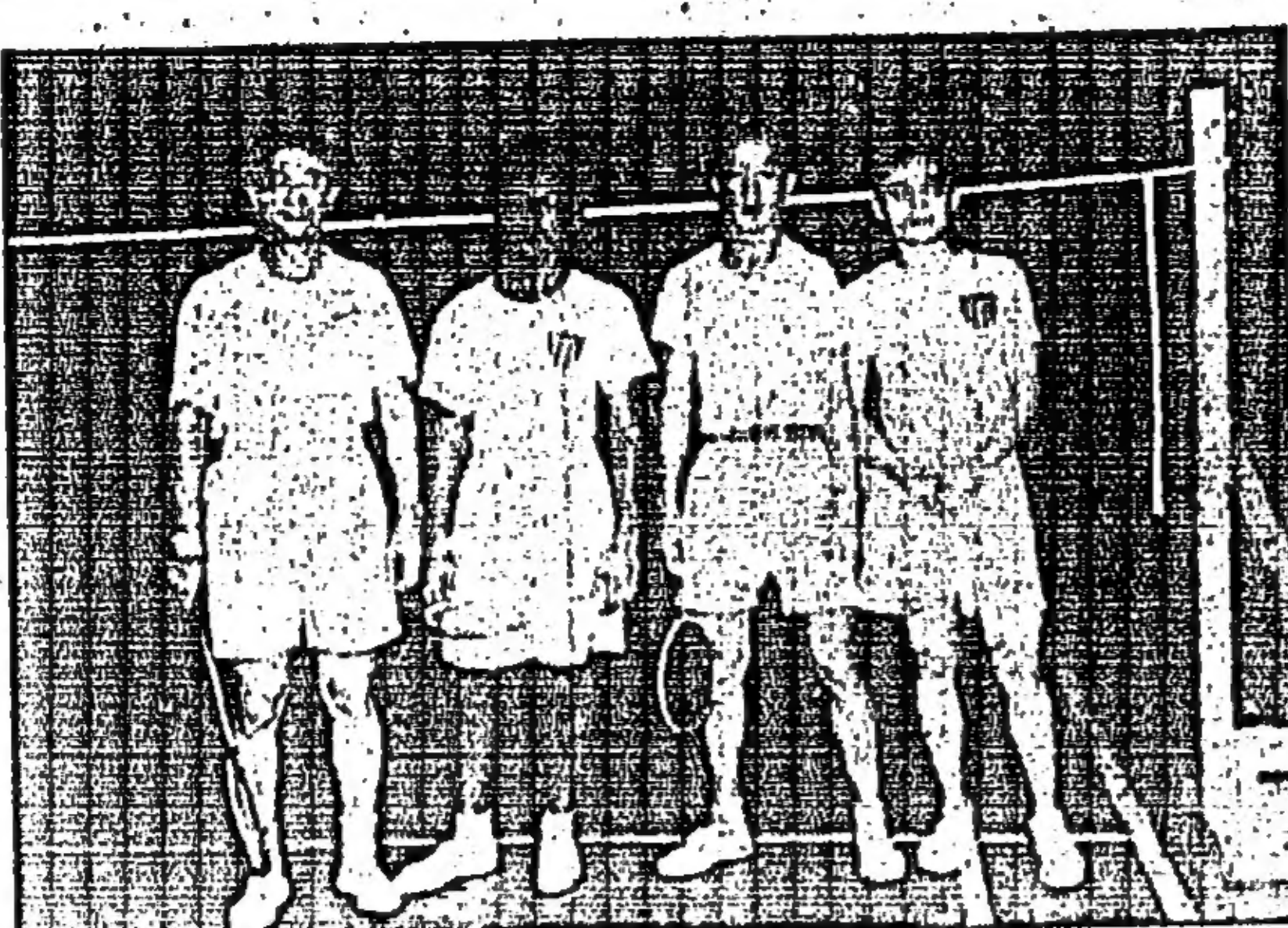
Jennings made a dramatic last-minute appearance in the championship last year at Carnoustie, when he arrived from Germany and said he had been ordered to report for an assignment.

CARR'S CRASHING DRIVE

Dick Chapman, last year's runner-up, must have felt he was up against a tornado when he was hit by a 300yd. drive at the first hole, and won it in 8-5.

This was typical of the things the former Irish champion does. After crashing the ball long distances, he sends it on to the green with a highly lofted club, which no other one would dream of using.

DOUBLES FINALISTS



Low Kent Soo, on the extreme right, and S. A. Vanar, second from left, the University pair who won the Colony Badminton Senior Doubles title, with Charles Au, second from right, and Patrick Wong, whom they beat in the final.

Parker Beats Patty In Brussels Final

Brussels, June 6.—Frank Parker of the United States won the Belgian International Lawn Tennis Championship Singles title, beating his compatriot, Budge Patty, this afternoon in the finals by the scores of 6-1, 1-6, 3-6, 6-1 and 6-2.

Budge Patty definitely dominated, principally because Parker persisted in sticking to his baseline game while Patty capitalised on his volleying.

After the interval, however, Patty lost his winning vein, and Parker's pepped-up service, and well placed shots had no difficulty in taking the last two sets.

Frank Parker and Budge Patty, of the United States, won the finals of the Men's Doubles tennis championship of Belgium when they beat the Italian pair of Gianni Cuculli and Marcello del Bello by the scores of 6-3, 6-2, 3-6 and 9-7.

PAT TODD WINS

Mrs Pat Todd defeated Mme. Suzie Kormoczy of Hungary in the finals of the women's singles championship by 6-2 and 6-2.

Both began with a long driving game and in the opening stages the Hungarian dominated the play throughout, but the long-legged Mrs Todd had the advantage over her opponent who had to do a lot of running to cover the court.

In the second set Mme. Kormoczy, apparently worn down, failed to play up to her standard. Her mixed court play was weak and she netted frequently.

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Brussels, June 6.—Mrs. Mary Prentiss, of America, and D. Mille, of Yugoslavia, won the mixed doubles championship of the Belgian lawn tennis tournament by beating Miss Barbara Scofield, of America, and P. Washer, Belgium, 7-5, 6-1.

Olympic Officials Tested At White City

By HAROLD PALMER

The failures among the Olympic Games officials tried at the White City on Whit Monday may be shelved.

That is the only opinion I can form after discussing with the secretary of the British Olympic Committee, Mr Don Paine, who will be arena manager at Wembley—the delays in letting the public know what was happening during the Whit Monday programme.

"The criticism was fair and must be acted on," he said. "Invitations have been issued to all officials for the Games. Whether we shall use them all is another matter."

Mr Paine will be calling a meeting of his committee to discuss the matter soon.

'MUST BE RUTHLESS'

The Counties Athletic Union took over the Olympic Games outfit for the meeting. At the banquet which followed, their championship secretary, Mr Phil Gale, was the most outspoken.

"The Board must be ruthless," he said. "Failures must be eliminated. Of course, they must. Sentiment must not rule the choice of officials."

Some of the organisers consider control would be all the better with fewer than the 150 officials appointed, but Mr Paine pointed out that this number is more or less dictated by International Federation rules.

January. The men will not receive any expenses—which strikes me as a bit hard on anyone worthy of the job.

Finally, Mr Paine put in a defence of his organisation.

"One point seems to be overlooked," he says. "The criticism of the way information was passed on to the public is quite fair. What seems to have been forgotten is the arena. The field event judging was first class, and the way that long programme was run through in the time showed that the work was good."



RECORD DIVIDEND FOR DAILY DOUBLE

Manila, June 6.—The biggest daily double dividend in the history of racing in this country was paid at the Santa Ana Park on Saturday afternoon, when two long shots, Pearl River and My Luck, won the daily combination.

For the holder of a \$2.50 ticket, a dividend of \$3,414 was paid. The previous record was about \$5,000 for every \$2.50 ticket.—Reuter.

Corteira First In Prix De Diane

Paris, June 6.—Marcel Boussac's three-year-old filly, Corteira, with Roger Pointeclot, won the classic Prix de Diane event today at the Chantilly race course.

Corteira, a big pre-race favourite, came in three-fourths of a length ahead of Doria of the Jean Couture stables in the 2,100 metre race.

Corteira paid 33 francs to a win and 25 for a place and its owner the prize of 1,500,000 francs.

Pointeclot rode the winner home in the time of 2 min. 13.4/10 sec. Doria, ridden by jockey C. Boulton, paid 77 francs.

A length and a half behind in third place came another Boussac horse, Cozina, with R. Bertiglia up. Cozina paid 78 francs.

All three horses carried 58 kilos.—United Press.

BASEBALL

St. Louis On Top Again

New York, June 6.—Second baseman Red Schoendienst led the way with five doubles and a home run in two games as Saint Louis swept a doubleheader from Philadelphia to put the Cardinals on top of the National League as New York and Pittsburgh split a twin bill.

In the first game which Saint Louis won 11-1, the Cards teed off against three Philadelphia pitchers for 14 hits, including four homers in the sixth by centre fielder Eddie Dusan, Schoendienst, right fielder Enos Slaughter and first baseman Nippy Jones. Jones drove in the only two runs of the nightcap with a sixth inning single, giving Saint Louis a 2-0 victory.

Nichie Ashburn, rookie Philly left fielder, failed to hit safely for the first time in 23 games.

Pittsburgh and New York split a doubleheader. Scoring runs in the first and seventh innings, New York routed Pittsburgh 10-4 in the first game. Third baseman Sid Gordon homered with the bases loaded for the Giants in the seventh. The Pirates used four pitchers.

Pittsburgh put on a whirlwind finish as left fielder Ralph Kiner homered in the ninth to break a 3-3 tie and give the Pirates the nightcap 4-3.

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Eighth Round Tomorrow

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The front running Indians tagged the skidding Athletics for two defeats in the American League. Manager Lou Boudreau homered in the sixth inning of the first game for what proved to be the winning run, enabling the Indians to win 5-3.

Bob Lemon registered his eighth pitching win.

The Indians battered Dick Fowler and Bob Savage for 16 hits in the nightcap when they took 11-1. Third baseman Ken Keltner and first baseman Ed Rothermel homered for the Indians. Shortstop Eddie Joost homered for the New York sweep a doubleheader with Saint Louis.

The Yankees won the opener 4-3 when second baseman Bobby Brown singled home catcher Gus Niarhos from second in the ninth inning to break a 3-3 tie and win the first game.

First baseman Steve Souchock and left fielder Johnny Lindell homered for the Yanks while second baseman Gerry Priddy led the Brown attack with a homer, a triple and a single.

Vic Raschi gained his seventh straight victory and second consecutive shutout when he hurled the second game for New York, who won 3-0. First baseman George McQuinn homered.

Brooklyn ... 5 8 0 Cincinnati ... 0 2 1 (Winning pitcher Joe Hatten).

Boston ... 1 0 3 Chicago ... 0 4 2 (Winning pitcher Johnny Sain).

American League Cleveland (1st game) ... 5 8 0 Philadelphia ... 3 9 1 (Winning pitcher Bob Lemon).

New York (1st game) ... 10 15 2 Pittsburgh ... 4 10 2 (Winning pitcher Ray Foyt).

New York (2nd game) ... 3 6 1 Pittsburgh ... 4 8 0 (Winning pitcher Elmer Riddle).

St. Louis (1st game) ... 3 0 0 Cincinnati ... 0 2 1 (Winning pitcher Joe Hatten).

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OLYMPIC PROSPECTS

VICKI DRAVES FAVOURED FOR DIVING TITLE

But She Won't Have Much Scope For The Fancy Ones

By BEN COOK

Los Angeles, May 27.—Eileen Allen of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, who has coached women's diving champions in the last four Olympics, is confident that Vicki Manola Draves will keep the record going in the 1948 games.

Mrs Draves, a pert, pretty 23-year-old with some Filipino blood, has been diving competitively for six years, and a member of the Los Angeles club for the past two years.

Since joining the LAAC and coming under direction of Miss Allen, Vicki has won the 1947 junior and senior national platform titles, the 1946 junior national three-metre crown, the 1948 national high platform championship and the 1948 indoor one-metre spring-board title.

"She looks like the Olympic platform champion for 1948," Miss Allen said, "but it's not a certainty, though. Some other California girl may beat her, but I think one thing you can just about be sure of is that the USA will take the first place diving places. We go in for fancy diving here more heavily than in other countries."

Ironically, Mrs Draves loses some of her favouritism because the Olympic dives are easy ones.

"In Olympic competition the judges concentrate on perfection of form and don't allow anything more difficult than the flying forward one-and-a-half somersault and the running half-gainer," explained Miss Allen. "Vicki is consistently good, but it's the fancy, complex dives from the high platform that she does best."

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OLYMPIC HOPES WARM UP

Prague, June 6.—Emile Zatopek, Czechoslovakian star distance runner, won a 5,000 metres race at Prague today in 14 minutes 20 seconds, his best time for the year and believed to be the best time the race has been run anywhere in the world this year.

The race was part of a Prague-Belgrade track meet won by Prague 114 to 98.

Zatopek finished 350 metres ahead of Stefanovic of Belgrade whose time was 15:24.4.

Zatopek's time is 2 2/10 seconds better than the Olympic mark set by Gunnar Hocker of Finland at Berlin in 1936, but almost 22 seconds over Gunnar Haeg's record mark set in 1942.—Associated Press.

FRENCHMAN BEATS HAAKON LIDMAN

Nancy, June 6.—Hakon Lidman, the Swedish athlete, was beaten in the 110-metres hurdle event here today by a Frenchman, Andre Marie, who equalled his own French record of 14.5 seconds.

Lidman was leading when he fell at the fifth hurdle. Jacobson, of Sweden, won the 3,000-metres event, covering the distance in 20 minutes 28.2 seconds. Jacques Vernier, of France, finished second, 0.2 seconds behind.

The Swedes were unclassified in the results as they were not members of any other participating clubs.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE TEAM CUT DOWN

Buenos Aires, June 6.—The Argentine Olympic team was reduced from 313 to 281 men yesterday when the Government refused a request for more money.

Moving Interment Ceremony

Shanghai, June 7.—British and Dominion representatives were among a large congregation present when the ashes of 57 Britons who died during their Japanese internment were solemnly placed in the crypt of the Holy Trinity Cathedral yesterday.

Each of the 57 boxes containing the ashes of the dead was draped in a Union Jack and bore a cross of lilies.

The moving ceremony began with Dean Trivett leading in a cortege from the main entrance. In a memorial sermon after the committal service, the Dean paid tribute to the thousands who shared dangers, difficulties and discomforts of the internment with us but did not live to share with us the joy of release and freedom.

During these never to be forgotten years, he said, they lived and worked with us in the closest of possible associations. We watched some of them gradually weaken under the rigours of confinement. In spite of all that the camp hospitals could do for them, they suffered and died. Others, mercifully few in number, were taken away strong and well and after suffering cruel and inhuman treatment, brought back to us crippled and broken to die.

"Still others went away to hospital and there died without the comfort of ministrations of their loved ones or their friends. And when death claimed them at last, the sad offices were most often performed for them by the hands of strangers and without friends to weep beside their bier.

"These last sad offices we now seek to do for them. Reverently, sadly, we now pay our last tribute to these men and women—our friends."—Reuter.

LAPHAM DUE IN SHANGHAI TODAY

Shanghai, June 7.—Mr Roger D. Lapham, Head of the Economic Co-operation Administration Mission to China, is expected to arrive here today with his party from the United States to inaugurate formally the American Aid to China programme.

Among the officials awaiting them is Dr Pei Tsuyee, former Governor of the Central Bank, who postponed his departure for the United States in order to confer with Mr Lapham.

Mr Lapham and his party "are expected to establish their headquarters here."—Reuter.

Used Friend's Pass For Free Ride

Chau On, aged 26, was sentenced to one month and recommended for banishment by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Court today for evading bus fare.

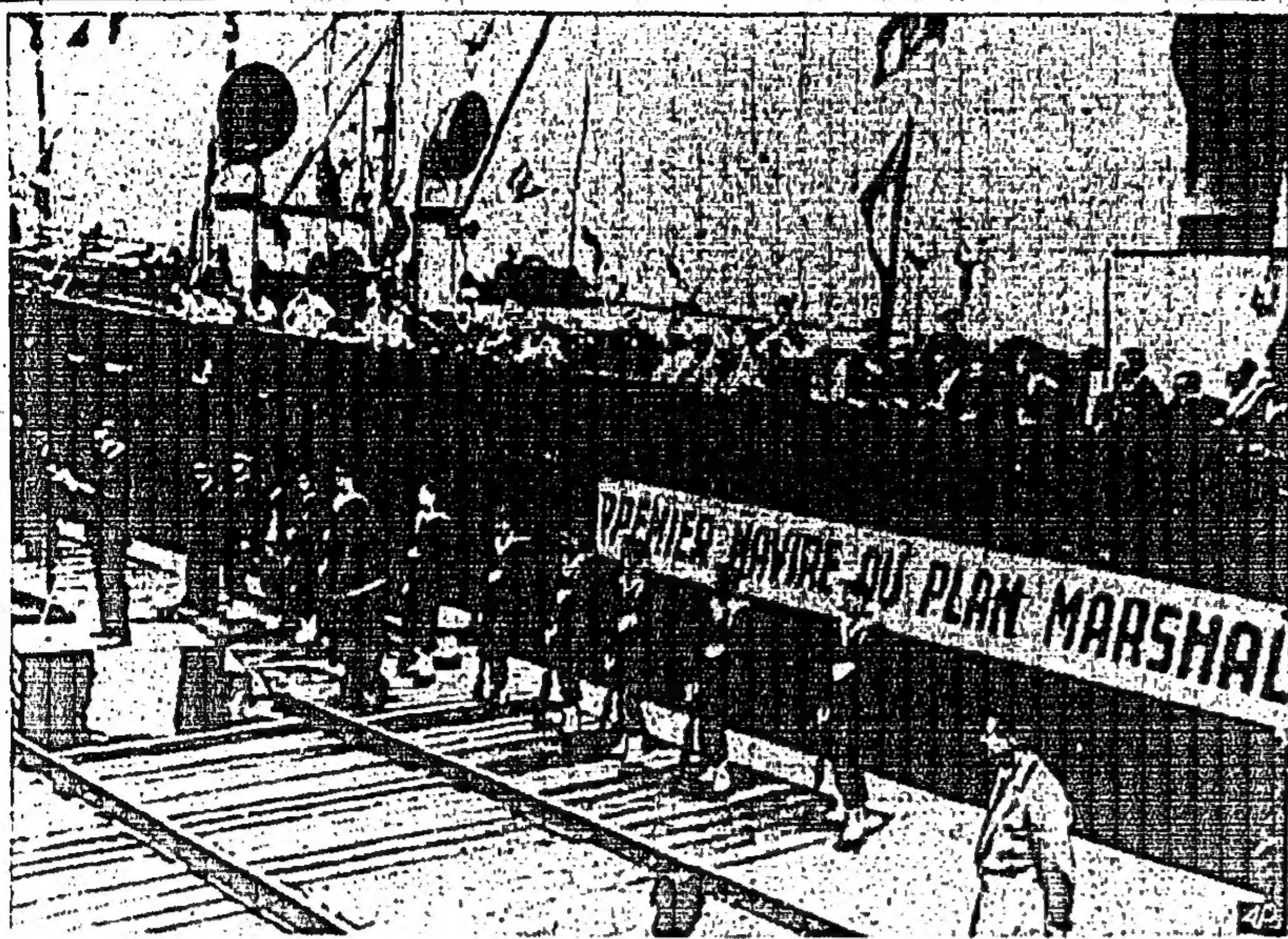
On June 6, the accused boarded bus No. 4108 in Tungchow Road. He was asked by the conductor for his fare, but said he was a fook. He produced a pass owned by a friend. When questioned as to why the photo was different, defendant said that he had lost a lot of weight lately.

Bread Rationing Forecast

New York, June 6.—Bread rationing may be ended in Britain, Belgium, France, Holland, Italy and some Scandinavian countries if an American harvest forecast proves accurate, the New York Times said today.

The paper quoted an estimate by two experts which predicted an exportable American grain surplus this year if the weather holds.—Reuter.

First Marshall Plan Ship Greeted



U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery (on rostrum, left) addresses a throng which gathered at pier side at Bordeaux, France to greet the steamer John H. Quick, first ship carrying Marshall Aid Plan supplies to reach France. Behind Caffery, with backs to the side of the ship, is a detail of French sailors. (AP).

WOMEN FACE ABORTION CHARGES AT SESSIONS

A woman, Li Pui-wan, appeared before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice Williams, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged with aiding, abetting and assisting to procure an abortion upon herself.

On trial with Li was another woman named Chan Yuk-alm, who was charged with unlawfully using an instrument or other unknown means to procure a miscarriage for Li at 19 Cheungshawan Road on March 25.

Both pleaded not guilty. A third woman accused, Mak Chee-ching (alias Li Pui-ying), charged on the same count as Chan, pleaded guilty through her Counsel, Mr A. J. Clifford, who was instructed by Mr C. A. S. Russ.

Mr A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, prosecuting said the case was as the result of information from the medical officer of the Kwong Wah Hospital where Li was a patient. Li gave a police officer certain information, and a police party, headed by Det-insp. C. Downman and accompanied by a doctor, carried out a search at 19 Cheungshawan Road. On the premises the police officers found a quantity of drugs and instruments.

Some of the drugs found were used in connection with pregnancy and childbirth.

At the foot of the stairs the police found a signboard stating that Li Pui-ying had her residence on the second floor, and another signboard found on the verandah of the second floor stated that Li Pui-ying specialised in women's diseases. A third signboard on the verandah on the first floor bore the words "Lady Doctor, Chan Ewan-lung." Certain drugs and instruments exclusively used in connection with childbirth were found on the premises, in addition to a dressing table.

As Li's condition in the Kwong Wah Hospital did not improve, Mr Lonsdale concluded, it was necessary to carry out an operation on her. As a result of the operation, the doctor was led to the conclusion that an abortion had been carried out on the patient.

Evidence relating to the use of the drugs and instruments found was given by Dr Chan Fuk, medical officer of the Kwong Wah Hospital. The trial is proceeding.

BLIND FORTUNE-TELLER IS WITNESS AT TRIAL

A blind fortune-teller appeared to give evidence in the witness box at the Criminal Sessions this morning. The case concerned two men who were charged with assaulting the wife of the fortune-teller and with intent to rob.

The case opened before Mr Justice Gould. Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, is for the prosecution, with Inspector T. Cashman for the police.

The accused, Ho Hoi and Chung Kwong, are also charged with assaulting PC Mak Ning with intent to resist arrest.

Evidence was that on January 31 at 1.30 p.m., Pun Ngor the fortune-teller's wife admitted two men to her flat on the second floor of 43 Holy-

wood Road. She said they wished to consult her husband about their fortunes. A little later two other men, one with a red handkerchief covering his mouth, also entered. They ordered Pun to close the door, but in spite of a threat that she would be stabbed to death, she refused and ran down the stairs to raise the alarm.

She was followed by the men who pushed her down the stairs, but she was not injured. The men ran over and passed her out into the street, two of them going into Shing Wong Street.

CONSTABLE THREATENED

PC Mak, on duty near by, heard the alarm and joined in the chase after first accused, who ran down Gage Street into Hillier Street. On reaching a tin-smith's shop, first accused picked up a red-hot soldering iron and threatened to attack the constable with it, but was overpowered. On the route of the chase, another detective found an abandoned knife.

The second accused was arrested on information near 163 Hollywood Road on February 6.

The fortune-teller told the Court that the two men who visited him first said they wished him to tell them about prospects of making money. When he asked them whether they wanted to know about the proper way of making money or by luck, they stated their preference for the latter. When the two other men entered the premises, the first thing they did was to ask whether "Ah Yun" had come. The two who were having their fortunes told answered that he had.

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Tass concluded:—"A scandal was brewing and to avoid it the British authorities, on realising that the provocation they had conceived had failed, saw themselves compelled to bring Tassoyev back to Germany and turn him over to the Soviet authorities here."

Official British statements early last month said that Colonel Tassoyev had asked for British asylum after being ordered to return to Russia.

At that time he was in charge of the Russian repatriation mission at Bremen.—Reuter.

BLASTING ACCIDENT

CONTRACTOR IN COURT

Dangerous blasting at a spot near the 9½ milestone along Castle Peak Road on Saturday, when a passerby was struck on the head by a stone the size of a fist and weighing about a pound and was saved from possibly more serious injuries by his sun helmet, led to the appearance of the contractor in charge of the work at Kowloon Court today.

As a result of the accident the passer by, Yan Chung, had to be sent to hospital for treatment.

Janson, Zee, of 71 Lee Garden Street, second floor, was charged before Mr Latimer today with dangerous blasting.

Zee explained Inspector F. Roberts, was a contractor holding a special permit for blasting at a spot near the 9½ milestone along Castle Peak Road. The permit stipulated that blasting operations at the locality must be conducted with special precaution because of proximity to the main road.

On Saturday afternoon the last blasting operation on the site was carried out in the absence of Zee, who should have been there to supervise the work to ensure safety. The charge sent the pound-weight rock 220 feet away and hit the passer-by on the head, causing injuries which necessitated several days' treatment. The blasting was being done at the site of the South Sea Textile Company.

Asking for leniency, Zee said he would compensate the injured man. He was fined \$250.

Ken Cochrane's Farewell

Final Appearance At KCC Dances

To the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" by a crowd of 300 revellers, Ken Cochrane, leader of the Ken Cochrane dance band, made his farewell appearance at the KCC last Saturday night.

The popular orchestra and its pianist was given a big ovation, with Ken Cochrane rounding off his association with the club by giving a solo contribution on the piano. He is shortly returning to England.

Saturday's function was another organised by the club's Ladies' Committee and was another big success. Cabaret items, all well received, were given by Eric MacNider, Frank Miles and Tex Winters, his Tumble Weeds. An elimination dance, spot waltz and other novelties formed part of the programme which was Me'd by Mrs Daisy Goodwin. An attractively decorated hall added to the evening's gaiety which continued until nearly 3 a.m.

Mr Macdonald Due This Afternoon

The Rt. Hon. Malcolm Macdonald, Governor-General of Southeast Asia, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong about 4.30 this afternoon.

He will leave for Canton tomorrow morning and arrive back in the Colony later in the day. Mr Macdonald is making his first official visit to China since his appointment as Governor-General of Southeast Asia.

Chuter Ede May Face Censure Vote

London, June 6.—Mounting pressure from the Conservative Opposition and elsewhere may force the Government to suggest a modification of the abolition of capital punishment, recently decided against its official advice by a narrow majority in a free vote of the House of Commons.

The Home Secretary, Mr Chuter Ede, who is responsible for the Criminal Amendment Bill, to which the abolition clause for an experimental period of five years was added by the House of Commons and since rejected by the House of Lords, may be the object of a Conservative vote of censure if the Opposition this week does not receive satisfaction from the Government.

The Cabinet meets tomorrow but the subject which it discussed last Thursday is not so far on the agenda.

It is expected, however, to produce a sharp clash at the meeting of the 400-strong Parliamentary Labour Party on Wednesday.

It is suggested that the Government may consider a compromise that would permit hangings in examples of brutal or premeditated murder.

The Cabinet is known to be sharply divided on the issue. Officially abolition was resisted, not so much on a principle but from the viewpoint that the present time, with its persistence of postwar lawlessness, is inappropriate for an experiment of the kind.

Some Ministers who abstained from voting with the Government to retain capital punishment on the other hand are understood to be convinced abolitionists. They include Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer,

and Mr Aneurin Bevan, the Health Minister.

The question of the constitutional propriety of the abolition has been raised by Britain's Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, and the Opposition is gravely concerned about what many of its Members regard as an administrative interference with the processes of the law.

GOVERNMENT'S DILEMMA

The dilemma before the Government is that the Bill next session must be returned to the House of Lords and the question arises as to whether it should again be left to the House of Commons on a free vote to decide whether the abolition clause shall be reinserted.

Some quarters predict that, as the abolition majority was so narrow, a second free vote—in the light of public reaction since the first decision was taken—would show a different result.

If the decision were reaffirmed, however, presumably the Government, against its official will, would again have to sponsor the abolition clause when the Bill returned a second time to the House of Lords. Meanwhile, there is a continuing complication in the position of murderers sentenced to death since the vote of the House of Commons.

These murderers have been reprieved and a life sentence substituted. Yet at this stage, no one can say whether in the final event capital punishment may not be restored.—Reuter.

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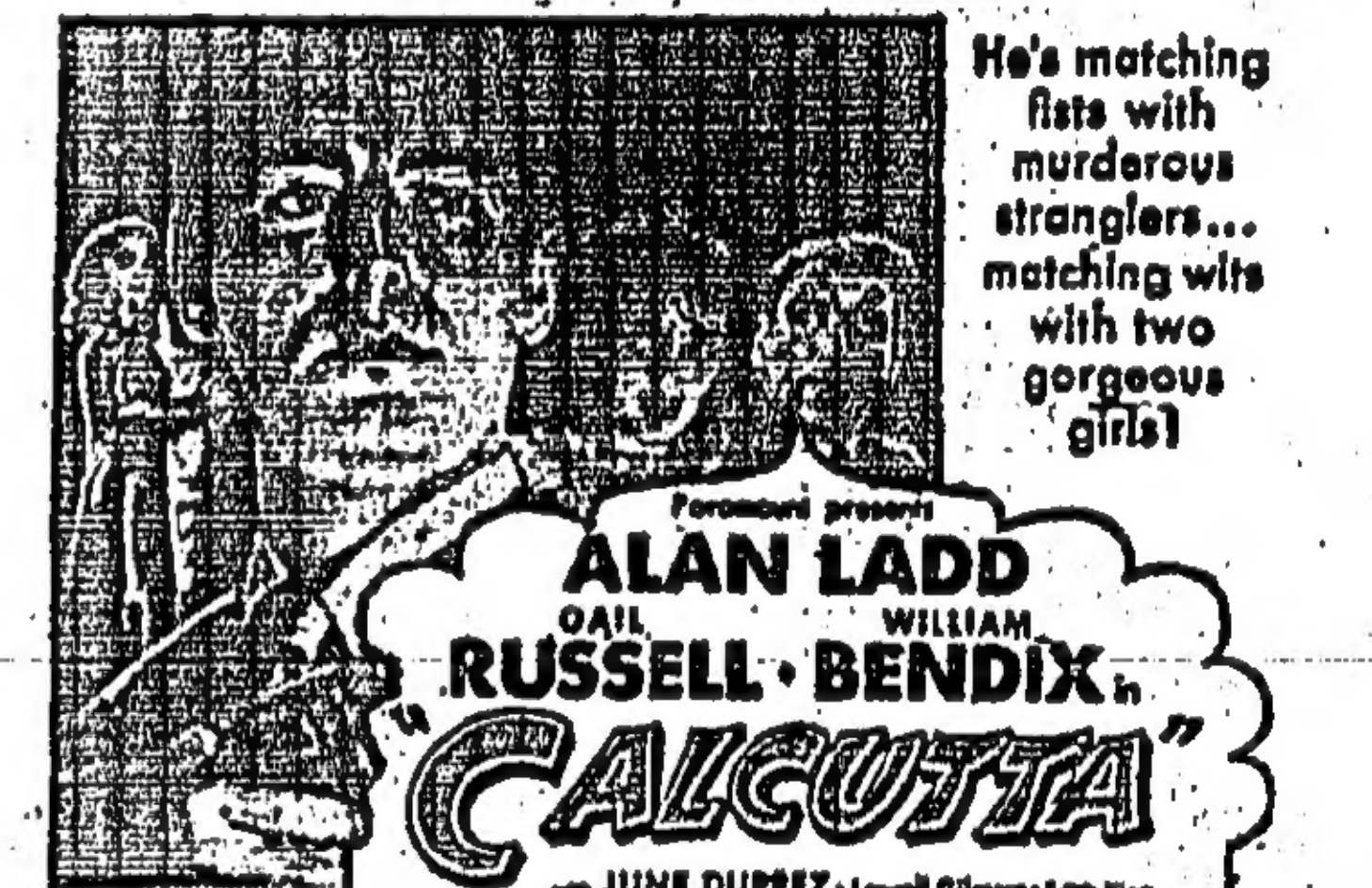
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DIALOGUE IN MANDARIN

DEATH OF FILM PIONEER

Paris, June 6.—M. Louis Lumiere, a pioneer in the French cinema industry, died today in Bandol, in the Var Department, southern France, after having been ill for several years.

M. Lumiere, who was 85, heard a Paris audience shriek and run for the exit 50 years ago when he showed them his first film of a train steaming into a country station.

He was born on October 20, 1862, the son of a sign painter, who was struggling to make a living out of the then art of photography. He lived to see his newest invention—three dimensional films—shown on public screens to audiences wearing specially coloured glasses, but died before the two-dimensional ones were replaced.

Working always with his brother, Auguste, he was one of the first exponents of films instead of plates for cameras and in 1895 invented a camera to take a circular panorama.—Reuter.

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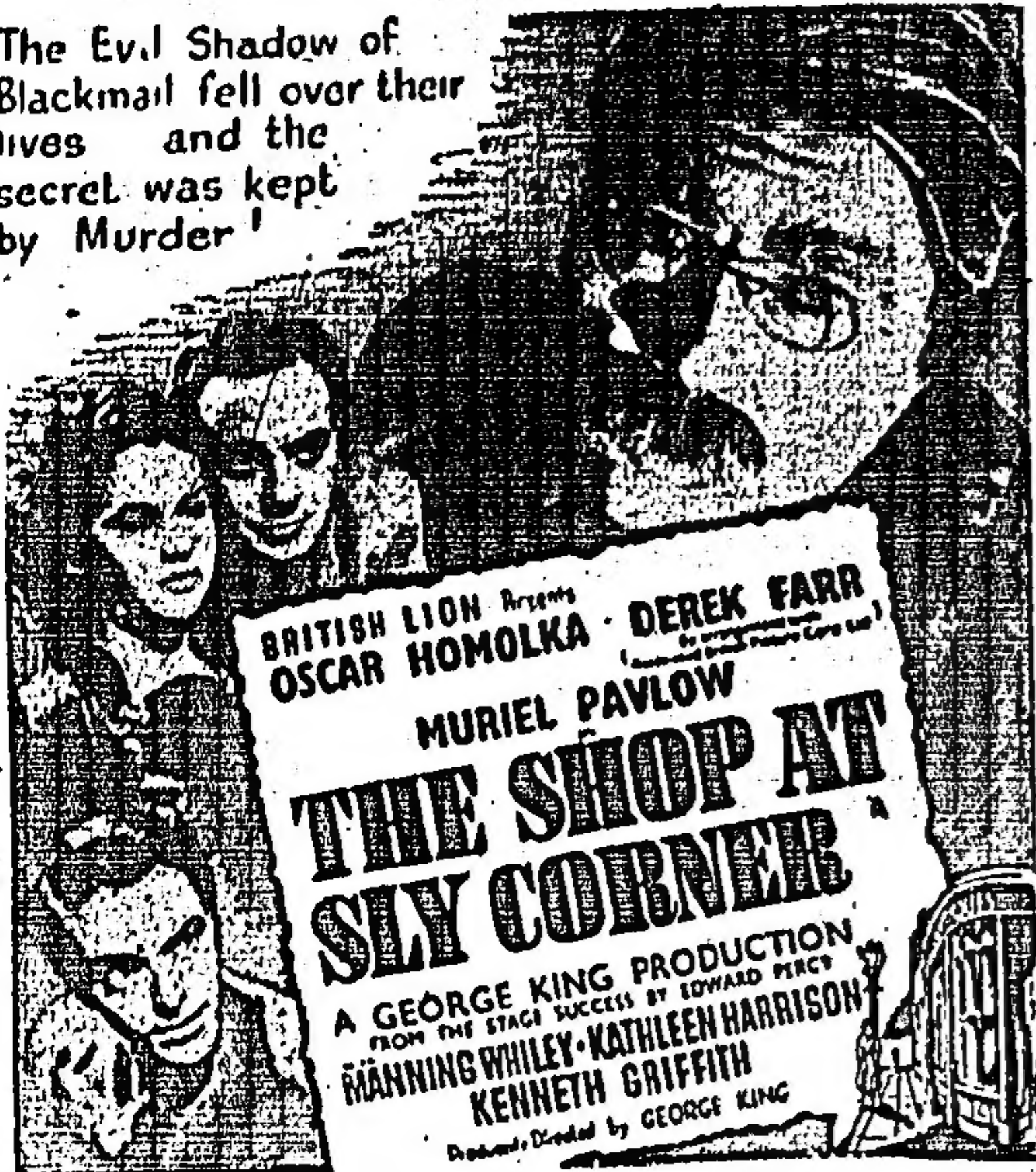
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Koreans Vote Early



A young Korean mother, her baby strapped to her back, casts her vote at Seoul, Korea, taking advantage of her newly-granted franchise in the elections ordered by the United Nations. In this particular district of Seoul 80 percent of the registered voters cast their ballots within two hours after the polls opened. (AP).

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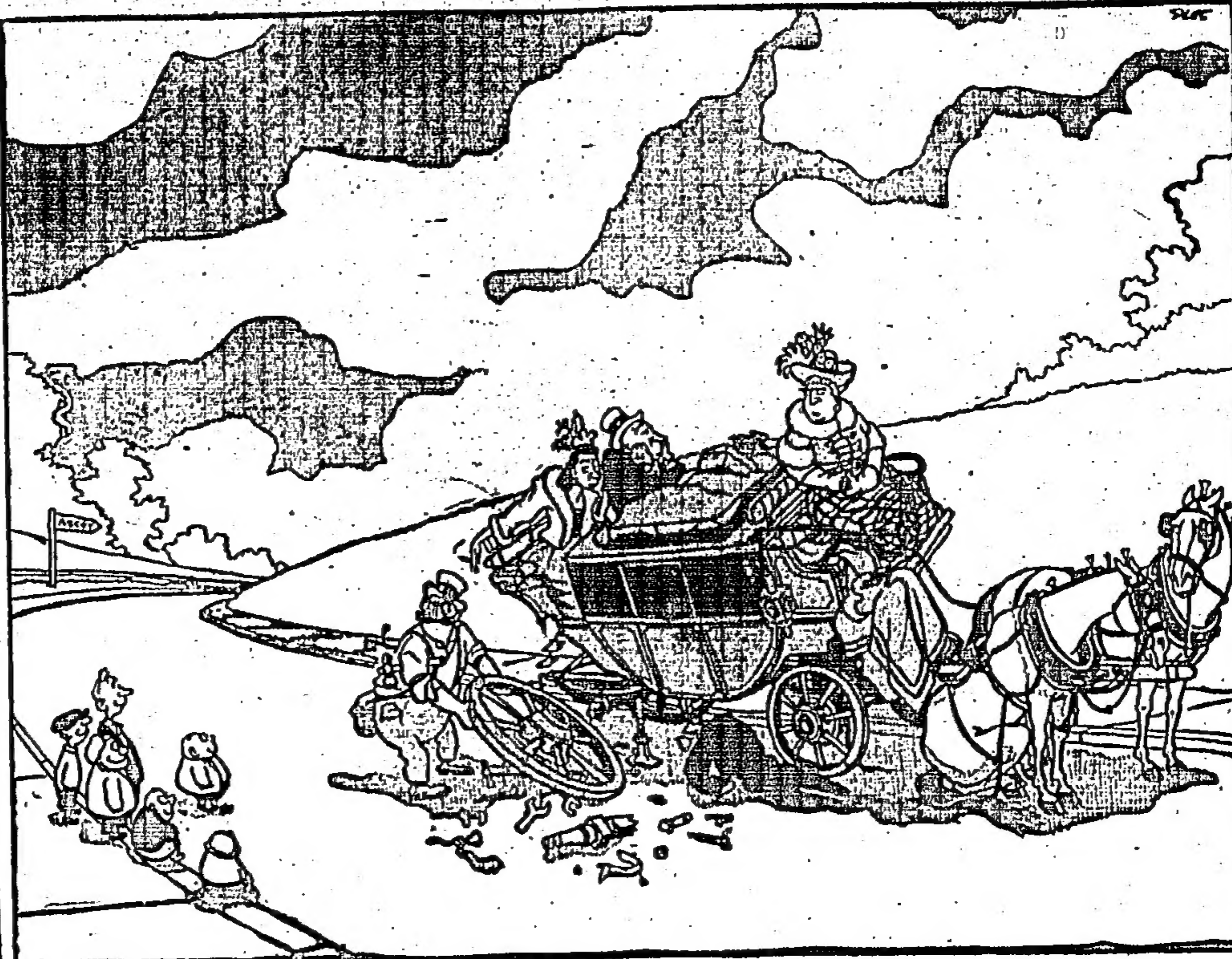
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A little 'un cashes in on Russia's soft soap

YOU will notice I am not wearing my hat this week. I have taken it off to salute the astute politician post-war Europe has produced—President Paasikivi of Finland.

He has dismissed his Communist Minister of the Interior, Mr. Leino—against whom the Finnish Diet passed a vote of censure. And he has replaced him, not with another Communist, but with a Social Democrat, Mr. Kilpi.

It is a most fascinating move. For it deprives the Finnish Communists of their control of the police, secret and uniformed. And this is indispensable to them if they are to stage a coup before the Finnish electors register their overwhelmingly anti-Communist and anti-Soviet sentiments in the July General Election. The dismissal of Leino is, therefore, a direct challenge to the Kremlin, who are as anxious to make sure of Finland before the elections as they were to make sure of Czechoslovakia.

PEACE FLUTTER

BUT what makes me salute the President is not so much the courage of his move as the timing of it. Paasikivi could have defied Moscow in March when Stalin issued his "Come into my parlour" invitation to Finland.

But Paasikivi preferred to stall. He concluded a pact with the Russians—much more cautious and less embracing than what the Kremlin really wanted. Then he waited for the lesson of world reaction to Czechoslovakia to sink in.

Sink it did. The Kremlin men decided—this, anyhow, is how I read current developments—that world opinion was becoming dangerously hostile to them. A period of soft soap, reassurance, and splitting tactics was called for.

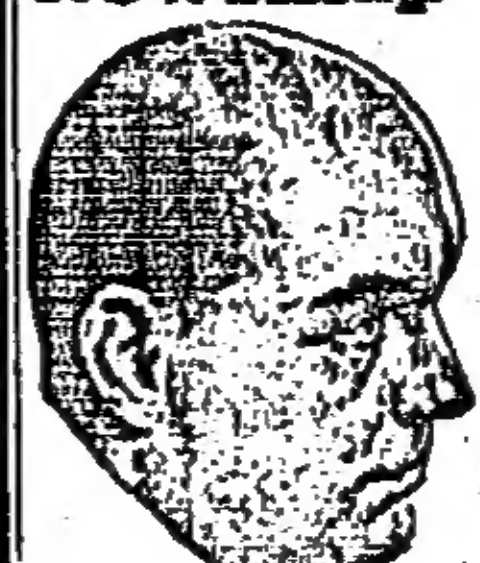
All over Europe Soviet and satellite diplomats got busy in off-the-record talks prophesying

Soviet peace moves. A Cominform high-up—he had attended the top secret Bialystok conference as a delegate—told me that Truman's defeat in the U.S. elections would be followed by a Soviet offer to discuss Marshall aid for Eastern Europe. Compromise would be based on non-intervention by either the Soviet Union or the U.S. in the affairs of those countries.

A few days after our talk came Molotov's offer to Bedell Smith. The peace offensive was doing nicely.

And now Paasikivi, with a magnificent piece of political jiu-jitsu, has turned the Soviet soft soap campaign against them.

At this moment, just when the Kremlin are anxious to follow up their new friendliness with Washington over their joint parenthood of the Zionist State and weigh-in with some really impressive love making, just when they are all set to exploit the rift in Anglo-American relations to entice Mr. Marshall into

SEFTON DELMER'S Newspaper

I shall not be surprised if he gets away with it. For I believe the Kremlin will want to be on their best behaviour just now. It will not look good to Miss America if they start kicking little brother Finland around.

One country where they will be watching Finland does not next week is Norway. I have just returned from spending a few days there. I found Oslo the most jittery capital I have yet visited. But at the same time full of courage and determination.

The Norwegians are jittery because they are convinced that Norway is next on the list for one of those Soviet offers of alliance.

And above all because, unlike Paasikivi, they do not believe in the Peace offensive. They expect

that they will be faced with a showdown any time now. "Time is extremely short" is a phrase that met me again and again in my talks. Moscow, the Norwegians believe, has its eye on Northern Norway—particularly the neighbouring province of Finnmark—and on the Spitzbergen archipelago. According to this theory the Russians want Finnmark and Northern Norway for its ice-free submarine bases.

Spitzbergen is an essential base in the event of military operations in the Arctic. The Russians have coal-mining concessions there. They own a considerable amount of territory on which it would be a fairly simple matter to install military bases camouflaged as part of the mining operation.

Already the Russians have caused alarm by laying down a number of air strips for civilian transport.

SAYING 'NO'

I SAY the Norwegians are showing courage as well as nervousness because they have made it clear that they will resist any attempts to encroach on their territory.

They have gone out of their way to announce publicly through Foreign Minister Halvard Lange that Norway will turn down any Soviet offer of an alliance, if it is made. And they did this although the only evidence that Moscow might be contemplating such a step was a rumour believed to have been launched from Soviet-controlled sources.

Now Norway is hurriedly trying to get her defences in order. It is a big job.

But the political part of her preparations is proving almost as difficult.

Norway would like a military alliance with the Swedes. But the Swedes, who have made a great deal of money out of keeping neutral during the last two wars, have refused to enter any alliance with the Norwegians unless Norway

IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

by Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

MR ATTLEE'S position as leader of Labour is unchallenged. This was manifest at Scarborough, where his spirited speech earned him a prolonged ovation.

However one looks at it, the Premier's achievement in leadership must be regarded as remarkable.

Thirteen years have passed since he was first elected to lead a party which has never been particularly tractable, not to say docile.

Many there were in those days who declared that this quiet, unassuming man was only a stop-gap, whose reign would not last long.

WELL, the years have rolled by. And now, even after a premiership which has already lasted nearly three years—incidentally a period of great domestic and external difficulty—he is still firmly in the saddle, with no rival even in sight.

In the language of the Turf, never has outsider landed long odds so effectively.

MICHAEL FOOT'S election to the Labour executive is an indication of his popularity with the rank and file, for it is the votes of the delegates of the local Labour parties which determine the result in the case of this section of the ruling body.

It is no small thing for a comparative newcomer like Michael to oust, as he has done, an old and well-established member in the person of Philip Noel-Baker.

SERVICE on the executive should be an education for him.

So far his reputation is based mainly on vigorous and at times acedulous criticism along conventional lines. A necessary function, of course, but not the whole duty of political man.

Now, as a member of the governing body of the Labour movement, the expositor of theory (somewhat pontifical on occasion) will be brought up against some of the difficulties of marrying theory to fact.

At 37 he is not too old to become wiser by the experience.

HERBERT MORRISON and Aneurin Bevan provide a great contrast in oratorical styles.

This was most marked at Scarborough, where the former was cautious and admonitory, in the guise of a wise old counsellor, whereas Aneurin was confident, scathing, and aggressive in tone.

Yet I doubt if there is anything like this difference between the two men in the Cabinet room.

My guess is that in approaching legislative and administrative problems—in that place where I assume nothing but objective calm prevails, their minds show no great divergence.

STALIN'S TASKS

I believe Paasikivi will be proved right and nervous Norway wrong.

Stalin and Molotov, as I see them, are following a long-term, not a short-term, policy.

They could well afford to slacken off a bit in Europe, concentrate on re-establishing their hold over organised labour in France and Italy, let American clumsiness in wielding the big stick of Marshall aid do its bit towards estranging and dividing the Western allies. And they could count on the American public growing tired of putting up billions of dollars for rearmament apparently for no purpose.

Meanwhile they would switch their campaign to the East, to India, Burma, China, and Indonesia—countries which are ideally suited for Communist agitation and Communist totalitarianism.

There are signs that this is indeed the policy.

The Communist Party in India have just changed their line. Instead of attacking the British as they have done all these years, they are now attacking the new rulers of India—Nehru, Patel, and their associates.

With India tucked behind the Iron Curtain it would not be long before the Fall of Europe.

BUT in public they discharge different functions.

The Welsh Minister of Health offers the party gathering a glass of stimulating champagne, whereas the cockney Lord President gives it a dose of unpalatable (though necessary) medicine.

Naturally the champagne goes down the better, as it did at Scarborough.

But the auditors bear no grudge against the giver of the medicine, for they know it is good for them, as part of their political health service.

PARLIAMENT'S discussion of clothing coupons and furniture supplies is certain to command public attention.

Bone of contention with the Lords, namely, the Parliament Bill and death penalty abolition, will be to the fore in coming weeks.

If the Parliament Bill results in an open fight between the two Houses, as it looks like doing, Government programmes will have to be revised accordingly.

This is where Mr. Morrison, the Government's master tactician, will come in.

By Ernie Bushmiller

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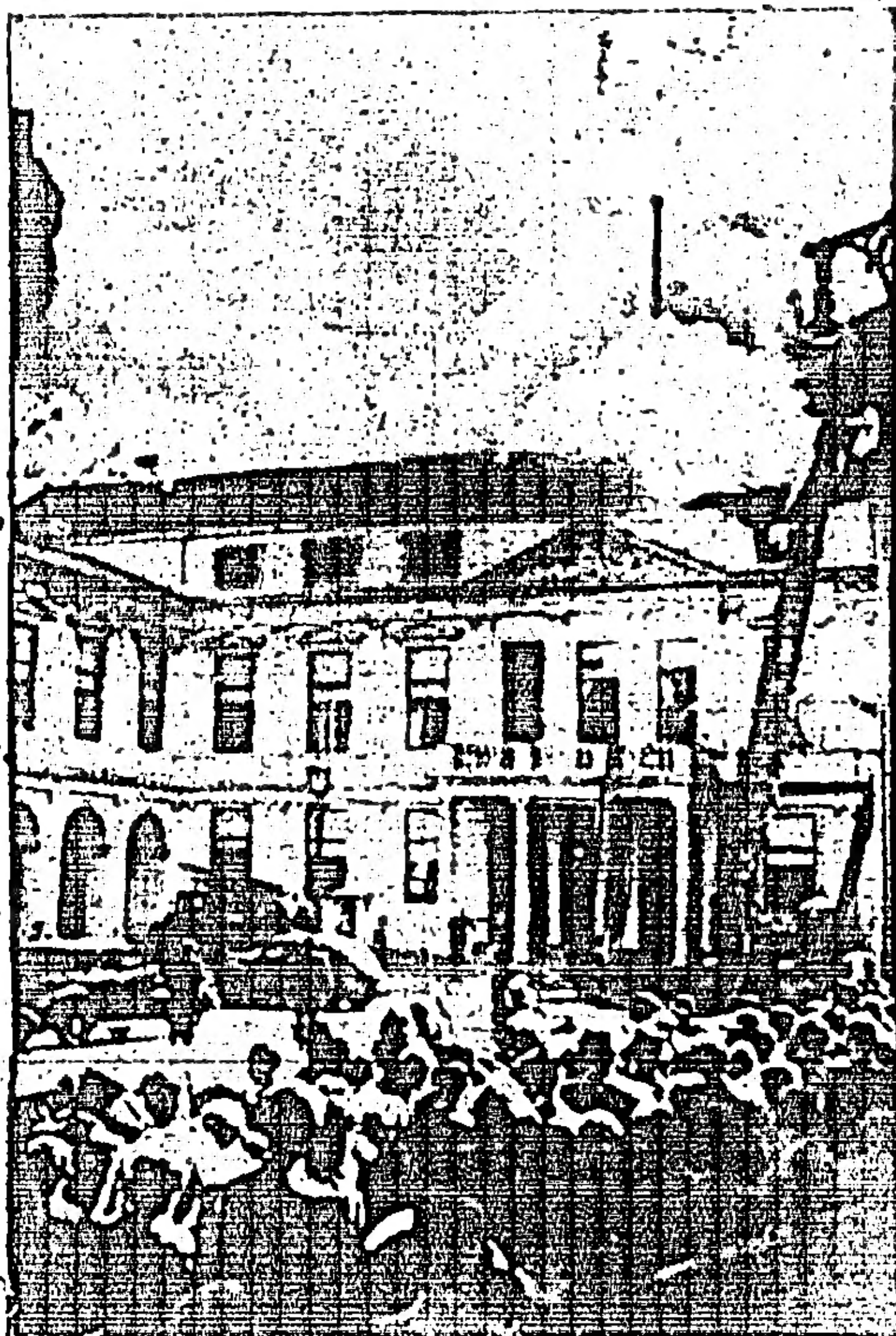
CONSECRATION CEREMONY—Monsignor John Francis Dearden, formerly Rector of Cleveland's St Mary's Seminary, prostrates himself before the altar in St Agnes's Church, Cleveland. He was consecrated as Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church for the Pittsburgh diocese.



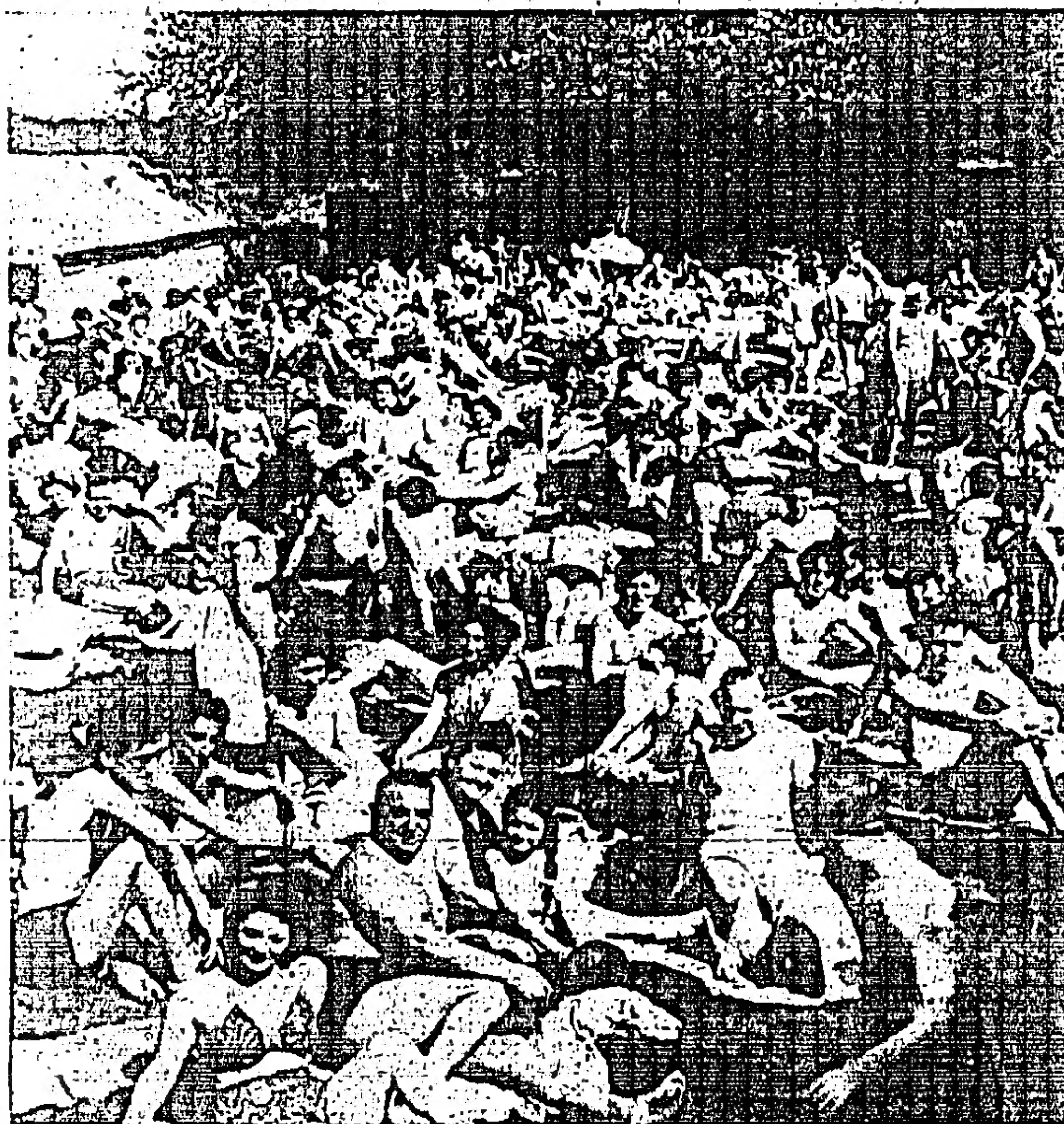
OPERATION PINS—Air mechanic Peter Pollard is a crackjack at getting planes into the air, but the delicate operation of putting on a baby's diaper has him in a quandary. Here, Wren Joyce Hillier and Wren Carroll Seymour offer helpful advice in the nursery corner at Portsmouth Dockyard, where the Royal Navy played nursemaid while mothers toured the ships during Navy Week.



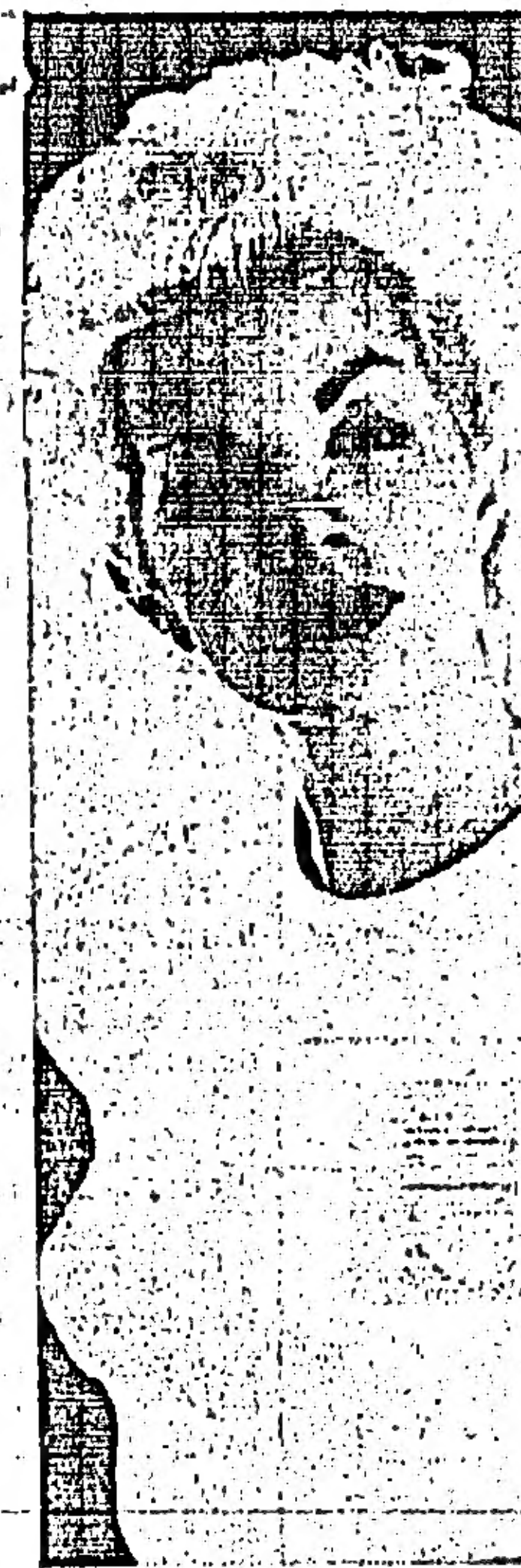
ARABS FAKE PRISONER-TAKING—This is Arab 'make-believe warfare. Arabs dressed two of their fellow soldiers as Jewish Haganah fighters, and then had themselves photographed supposedly capturing a Jewish prisoner. Actually, few prisoners are taken by either side in the fight for the Holy Land.



WILHELMINA'S PALACE BURNS—Spectators watch firemen battle the blaze that broke out in the central portion of Queen Wilhelmina's Noordeinde Palace at The Hague. The third floor of the 400-year-old residence was burned out. The Queen was not in the palace at the time.



HYDE PARK LIDO—Hundreds of sun-starved Londoners bask in Sol's glory during the first hot day at Hyde Park's Lido.



"THE HAIR" is the title given actress-model Gregg Sherwood by the Creative Hair Stylists of America because of her "gardenia coloured hair." The title, the organisation says, rounds out the "perfect woman." Other previous titles are The Legs, The Body, The Face and The Look.



A TON OF BEES—More than one ton of bees, the largest shipment ever flown, is loaded on a plane in Tifton, Georgia, destined for the University of Michigan. The honey gatherers will be used in experimental pollination.

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RIDING THE BUMPS—The opening of Tokyo's Ueno Zoo was a gala occasion for Japanese youngsters, who waited for hours for an opportunity to ride one of the camels. There are no wild animals at the zoo, as they were killed during the war to prevent their escape.



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New Prime Minister



Dr. Francois Malan (above) who has formed a new government for the Union of South Africa, replacing the veteran, Marshal Jan Smuts, the former Prime Minister, who was beaten in the recent election.—AP picture.

NEW BRITISH ACHIEVEMENT

Liverpool, June 6.—A new type of cast iron, claimed to be the most important advance in its field in this century, has been produced in Britain.

Mr. J. G. Pearce, director of the Cast Iron Research Association, which is supported by the iron and steel industry in this country and by the Government, disclosed this today on his return from the Philadelphia Congress of Foundry with Mr. Heaton Monro, the Association's research engineer.

"The Americans were surprised at the progress we have made in its development," Mr. Monro said. "While it will not be cheaper to manufacture, it can be turned out with modifications to existing plants in 2,000 factories in this country."—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The Answer To Communism

President Truman's "New Deal" speech last Friday was designed to arouse within the United States a more realistic appreciation of the so-called menace of Communism. It can hardly fail to succeed. His appraisal of the American situation provided a welcome relief from the emotional, tub-thumping utterances which have come from a number of overwrought political speakers. President Truman is fully conscious of the danger of Communism finding roots in a country noted for its rugged individualism, but wisely he avoids the popular line of approach which is to imagine a gigantic conspiracy by an equally gigantic underground organization preparing for a coup de force for the overthrow of the American constitution. Mr. Truman warns that Communism will come to the United States if it continues to issue "invitations" such as the fulfillment of promised democracy; the continuance of slum areas; denial to some Americans of the right to vote; inadequate assistance in time of sickness, unemployment and old age; lack of educational facilities; if high prices are permitted to deprive some of the people from the necessities of life. These, the fundamental economic and social problems of living are, according to Mr. Truman, the most likely factors capable of encouraging Communism to flourish in the United States. Many will agree with the President. The agitators, about which some of the more hysterical members of Congress show so much concern are, in themselves, comparatively innocuous. Their rattling cannot amount to anything unless they can base their complaints on hard facts. If, in America, (and elsewhere) the people enjoy economic and social security, Communism either as a doctrine or a political system, can make no headway. It is not needed. But while, as Mr. Truman contends, there are large

numbers of American citizens and immigrants who are being denied their rights, are homeless and unemployed, Communism possesses a breeding ground that may well make itself a menace to the accepted democratic way of life. To the outsider, when belief, based on intellectualism, in a social system not entirely in accord with that prevailing in the country today, brands the person as a traitor and a potential saboteur; when this can happen in a country like the United States it compels the on-looker to feel that hysteria has been allowed to succeed reason. "You cannot," says Mr. Truman, "stop the spread of an idea by passing a law against it," which is true enough, and he might have added you cannot stop the spread of an idea by persecution. The Fascists and the Communists have each tried that technique only to find they have cemented even firmer the ideals and convictions of their victims. Communism, particularly the political Communism of Russia, and her satellites is as abhorrent to the average American as to the average Englishman or the average man in any democracy; nevertheless Communism as a social and economic theory has many attractions to a man whose daily life is full of misery, hardships and inequalities. Free that man from such a life and he no longer requires the palliative treatment of a Communist system. President Truman requests a New Deal for the depressed American classes; if they are given that, the United American Activities Committee can wind up forthwith. There will be no internal danger from Communism.

Thursday Fixed Provisionally For Palestine Truce

NEGOTIATIONS IN DANGER

London, June 6.—Date for a truce in Palestine has now been fixed provisionally for Thursday, June 10, it was reliably reported from Amman, Transjordan's capital, tonight.

In the meantime, the Arab League in Cairo announced that Saudi-Arabian troops are fighting in Palestine for the first time. The League said that an un-stated number with armoured cars and tanks and artillery were fighting with Egyptian forces.

Disclosure of a tentative truce date followed a two and a half hour flying visit by Count Folke Bernadotte to the Transjordan capital, where he conferred with King Abdullah and the Foreign Minister.

Extension of the truce date from noon tomorrow, which had earlier been decided to enable Count Bernadotte to obtain clarification of the conditions without which it is expected the Arabs would be unlikely to agree to a truce, has thus been effected.

The United Nations Mediator, meanwhile, has flown from Beirut, in the Lebanon, to Haifa, for a conference with Mr. Moshe Shertok, Foreign Minister of the Provisional Government of Israel, on the immigration issue which, according to Count Bernadotte, is the only factor obstructing a truce agreement between Jews and Arabs.

At the end of a 50-minute talk with the Count, Mr. Shertok told the press at Haifa "we are now awaiting the Count's final summing up of his various negotiations. The Count will most probably make communications with both parties which will probably require a straight Yes or No."

Mr. Shertok said the Count's interpretation of the immigration question during the proposed four-week truce was among the points discussed at Haifa. He declined, however, to indicate the Count's views.

The Foreign Minister said there had still not been any question of deciding the date of the proposed cease-fire.—Reuter.

TALKS HIT SNAG

Cairo, June 6.—Negotiations for a four week truce in Palestine hit a snag tonight and were reported in danger of falling.

A dispatch from Amman, where Count Folke Bernadotte conferred with King Abdullah, said the truce agreement appeared to be cracking up. It had been accepted in principle last Wednesday by both the Jews and Arabs.

The Arabs blamed the deadlock on Jewish insistence that immigration into the Holy Land be allowed to continue and that the Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv highway be kept open.

Intensive military operations were in progress while the truce negotiations were being carried on. Israeli troops forged a half circle around Arab concentrations on the Northern approaches of Tel-Aviv and drove within three and a half miles of strategic Tulkarem, Jewish leaders said.

Israel planes hammered Tulkarem itself. The Jewish bulletin said large fires were touched off in an Arab military camp in that city, the western anchor of the Arabs' Tulkarem-Jenin-Nablus triangle.

According to Jewish accounts this was the second major threat to Tel-Aviv which the Jewish forces have blunted in the last two days. The first one—a drive by Egyptian forces up the Palestine coast—was thrown back at Yibna, 14 miles south of Israel's capital.

King Abdullah's legionnaires hurled 100 shells today into Jewish-held districts of modern Jerusalem after Israeli infantry made another unsuccessful attempt to storm the old city's Zion Gate.

ATTACK ABANDONED
The Jewish attack was abandoned after three hours of close, hand-to-hand fighting failed to dislodge the legionnaires from their machinegun posts in the thick walls of the old city.

Count Bernadotte, the U.N. mediator in Palestine, was grim faced and noncommittal following his talks with King Abdullah and Transjordan's Foreign Minister, Fawzi Pasha Malki in Amman.

Ralph Bunche of the U.N. Secretariat indicated that negotiations were not going well when he told newsmen: "We still have hope."

A neutral source in Amman said the largest danger to getting the truce operative had been moved back until Thursday. Count Bernadotte's party left tonight for Cairo.—Associated Press.

JERUSALEM REPORT

Jerusalem, June 6.—Arab shells and mortar bombs lashed Jewish Jerusalem night and day on the 24th day of shelling. Six Jews were killed and dozens injured, according to an official check.

Total casualties since Legion and volunteer Arab guns were trained on Jerusalem are now estimated at 1,000, of which probably over 100 are fatal.

A combined Haganah and Irgun Zvai Leumi force attacked the Arab Legion before dawn today, trying to dislodge the Arabs from positions in Northern Jerusalem, but was beaten off.

While the Irgunists drove on the Sheikh Jarrah quarter, two columns struck out at right angles to try to recapture the police training billet captured from the Jews by the Arabs after the British evacuated it three weeks ago. One column was trapped and the second had to disengage its own front to rescue it.

BAD HEALTH CONDITIONS

This gave the Arabs time to strengthen defences and the Jews withdrew.

Jerusalem physicians are frankly concerned at health conditions in the Holy City, although they are emphatic that there is no serious cause for worry yet. Hot weather and dusty winds from the desert, plus the water shortage, inadequate diet and war nerves, are causing widespread illnesses. Doctors are urging camels, tea, porridge and red wine as preventives.

Main conversation other than about personal troubles and dangers is about the ceasefire and its chances.

Some are optimistic, while others wish for no ceasefire on the basis of "I've got this far—let's fight it out."—United Press.

Kidnapped Colonel: Tass Story

LONDON DENIAL

Moscow, June 6.—Russia today claimed that a Soviet colonel, stated by Britain to have sought political asylum in England, had been kidnapped from Germany.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said that Colonel J. D. Tassoyev was taken by British intelligence agents from a house in Bremen, flown to Britain in Field Marshal Lord Montgomery's personal plane, held in a London flat from which he escaped and was recaptured, and eventually was returned to Germany.

The British Foreign Office today denied the Tass story. A spokesman of the Foreign Office said that Colonel Tassoyev had been brought to Britain as a "political refugee" after he had asked for asylum.

He was returned to Berlin on his own wish, he added. A Tass allegation that Colonel Tassoyev was located up, was also denied by the Foreign Office.

They described it as highly improbable that the British Government would have returned him to a place where he could make a statement on the alleged brutality had it been true.

THE TASS VERSION

This is the Tass version of the story: On April 23, Mr. C. Tass, the American director of the Bremen port, invited Colonel Tassoyev to his home for supper. After supper, the Russian, with several other guests, was invited for a car ride.

Two individuals, sitting beside the Russian colonel, unexpectedly bound his hands, took him to the British Zone and held him there, till day-break.

At dawn, they pulled Tassoyev aboard an aeroplane and took him to London. They kept trying to persuade him that he would be better off than in the Soviet Union.

In London, Colonel Tassoyev was taken to a flat which was a "rendezvous of the British Intelligence Service."

Russian speaking intelligence agents, Tass added, tried to persuade the Russian officer to remain in London and fight the Soviet Government. They, it was alleged, then "resorted to threats, blackmail and violence in an attempt to extort from Tassoyev some kind of document in order to justify the unprecedented violence committed against him and in some way to extricate themselves from a scandalous affair."

COLONEL "ESCAPES"

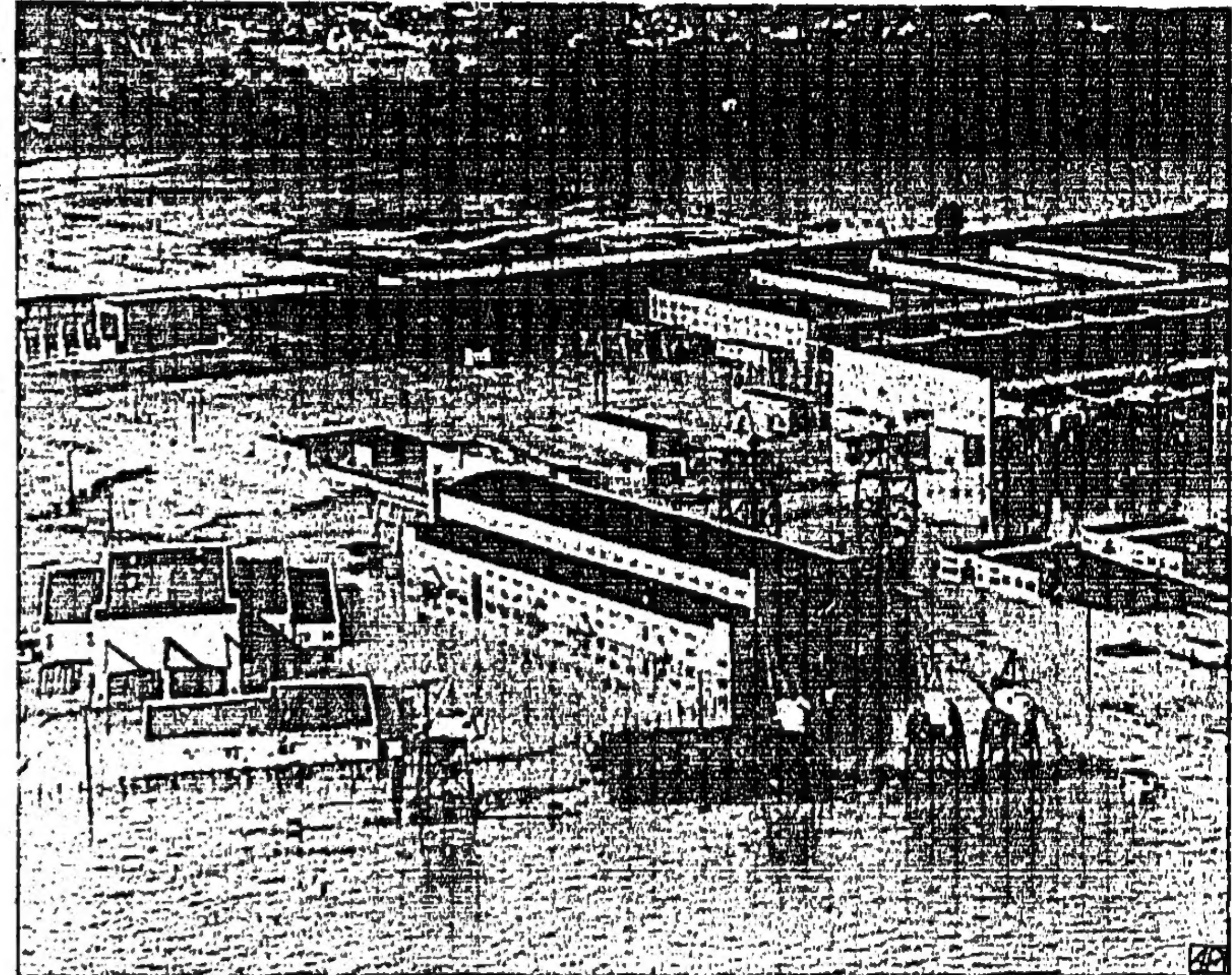
On May 6, Tass continued, Colonel Tassoyev escaped and entered the grounds of the Olympia Exhibition and, in the presence of a large crowd, began to shout that he was a Soviet Lieutenant-Colonel kidnapped by the Anglo-Americans in Bremen and asked to be put in touch with the Soviet Embassy in London.

A policeman took him to a police station, where he was kept for two weeks.

Colonel Tassoyev was "repeatedly beaten up" when he still refused to sign a statement, the Russian agency said.

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OREGON FLOODS SWAMP SHIP YARDS



New Flood Wave Threatens Portland

Portland, Oregon, June 6.—A new flood wave was plunging toward Portland today as the Red Cross listed a total of 52 people including 45 children, missing from the small neighbouring city of Vanport, obliterated by dyke-breaking torrents last week.

Boat crews were probing the wreckage for victims on the last disaster, side by side with troops and civilian teams feverishly stacking sandbags along 120 miles of the Columbia river's crumbling embankments.

Estimating that millions of dollars of damage had already been done to the North West, engineers feared the new crest, expected to hit late tonight, would devastate the industrial areas of Portland.

Leaks and seepages have developed along virtually the dykes protecting North Portland. The Army was standing by with barges ready to ram them into the first breakthrough.

The big Reynolds aluminum plant and the Portland municipal airport were in danger.

Engineers feared the nearby embankments, being pounded by the rising tides and swirling floodwaters, would not stand another flood wave.

Portland's huge civic auditorium, public buildings and church halls were already crowded with refugees from the inundated countryside.

An expected 60,000 persons have already been driven from their homes.—Reuter.

Flood waters surround Henry Kaiser's Oregon Shipbuilding corporation in North Portland, Ore., as rampaging rivers in other sections of the Northwest crippled railroad traffic and early estimates of loss in the Columbia River Basin alone were set at \$30,000,000. The Kaiser shipyards have not been used since the war.—AP picture.

Truman Gets A Big Hand

Aboard Truman Train, June 6.—President Truman neared Cheyenne in his trip across the Western plains, in which he abstained today from "Sunday politics", but he could not resist greeting the crowds that jammed his station stops.

The President said he was "almost overwhelmed" by his reception at stations across the rolling ranch country of Western Nebraska.

At Grand Island, Kearney, North Platte and Sidney, crowds of several thousand turned out at stations to greet the President and offer him gifts.

To all he said he would not break his rule to avoid politics on a Sunday, but that he would like to "come back later" to discuss issues of the day.

He did, however, take several pokes at Congress. A gift of silver spurs at Grand Island prompted him to say he would use them on Congress, and when he received a gift of cowboy boots at Kearney he said he now had "both boots and spurs" to use in riding the Republican Congress.—United Press.

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